

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A system, implemented through a peripheral device, for printing electronic files comprising:
 - identification receiving means adapted for receiving data representative of book identification information;
 - electronic file retrieving means adapted for retrieving an electronic file, responsive to the received book identification information, wherein the electronic file is representative of at least one selected book;
 - print job creation means adapted for preparing the electronic file for printing thereafter;
 - output means adapted for receiving print request data representative of a desired output of the print job; and
 - means adapted for commencing a print operation of the electronic file in accordance with the print request.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein the book identification information comprises a book ISBN number.
3. The system of claim 2, wherein the identification receiving means comprises a user interface adapted for receiving user input.
4. The system of claim 3, wherein the user interface comprises a keypad for inputting the book ISBN number.
5. The system of claim 3, wherein the user interface comprises a bar code reader adapted for receiving the book ISBN number.
6. The system of claim 1 further comprising means adapted for receiving data representative of a user request to print at least one specified page of the book.

7. The system of claim 1 further comprising data communication means adapted for enabling the peripheral device to communicate with a storage means adapted for storing the electronic file.
8. The system of claim 7, wherein the data communication means includes a hard wired connection to the peripheral device.
9. The system of claim 7, wherein the data communication means includes a wireless connection, and wherein the wireless connection includes at least one of a BlueTooth™, 802.11(g) and 802.11 connection.
10. The system of claim 7, wherein the storage means comprises at least one of a local storage device and a remote storage device.
11. The system of claim 7, wherein the storage means is accessible through an Internet user interface.
12. A method, implemented through a peripheral device, for printing electronic files comprising the steps of:
 - receiving data representative of book identification information;
 - retrieving an electronic file, in response to the received book identification information, wherein the electronic file is representative of at least one selected book;
 - creating a print job by preparing the electronic file for printing;
 - receiving print request data representative of a desired output of the print job; and
 - commencing a print operation of the electronic file in accordance with the print request.
13. The method of claim 12, wherein the book identification information comprises a book ISBN number.
14. The method of claim 13 further comprising the step of receiving user input through a user interface.
15. The method of claim 14 further comprising the step of inputting the book ISBN number through a keypad associated with the user interface.

16. The method of claim 14 further comprising the step of inputting the book ISBN number through a bar code reader associated with the user interface.
17. The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of receiving data representative of a user request to print at least one specified page of the book.
18. The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of the peripheral device communicating with a storage means, adapted for storing the electronic file, through a data communication device.
19. The method of claim 18, wherein the data communication device includes a hard wired connection to the peripheral device.
20. The method of claim 18, wherein the data communication device includes a wireless connection, wherein the wireless connection includes at least one of a BlueTooth™, 802.11(g) and 802.11 connection.
21. The method of claim 18, wherein the storage means comprises at least one of a local storage device and a remote storage device.
22. The method of claim 18, wherein the storage means is accessible through an Internet user interface.
23. A computer readable medium of instructions for printing electronic files comprising:
 - identification receiving means adapted for receiving data representative of book identification information;
 - electronic file retrieving means adapted for retrieving an electronic file, responsive to the received book identification information, wherein the electronic file is representative of at least one selected book;
 - print job creation means adapted for preparing the electronic file for printing thereafter;
 - output means adapted for receiving print request data representative of a desired output of the print job; and
 - means adapted for commencing a print operation of the electronic file in accordance with the print request.

24. The computer readable medium of claim 23, wherein the book identification information comprises a book ISBN number.
25. The computer readable medium of claim 24, wherein the identification receiving means comprises a user interface adapted for receiving user input.
26. The computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein the user interface comprises a keypad for inputting the book ISBN number.
27. The computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein the user interface comprises a bar code reader adapted for receiving the book ISBN number.
28. The computer readable medium of claim 23 further comprising means adapted for receiving data representative of a user request to print at least one specified page of the book.
29. The computer readable medium of claim 23 further comprising data communication means adapted for enabling the peripheral device to data communicate with a storage means adapted for storing the electronic file.
30. The computer readable medium of claim 29, wherein the data communication means includes a hard wired connection to the peripheral device.
31. The computer readable medium of claim 29, wherein the data communication means includes a wireless connection, wherein the wireless connection includes at least one of a BlueTooth™, 802.11(g) and 802.11 connection.
32. The computer readable medium of claim 29, wherein the storage means comprises at least one of a local storage device and a remote storage device.
33. The computer readable medium of claim 29, wherein the storage means is accessible through an Internet user interface.
34. A computer-implemented method for printing electronic files comprising the steps of:
receiving data representative of book identification information;

retrieving an electronic file, in response to the received book identification information, wherein the electronic file is representative of at least one selected book;
creating a print job by preparing the electronic file for printing;
receiving print request data representative of a desired output of the print job; and
commencing a print operation of the electronic file in accordance with the print request.

35. The computer-implemented method of claim 34, wherein the book identification information comprises a book ISBN number.

36. The computer-implemented method of claim 35 further comprising the step of receiving user input through a user interface.

37. The computer-implemented method of claim 36 further comprising the step of inputting the book ISBN number through a keypad associated with the user interface.

38. The computer-implemented method of claim 36 further comprising the step of inputting the book ISBN number through a bar code reader associated with the user interface.

39. The computer-implemented method of claim 34 further comprising the step of receiving data representative of a user request to print at least one specified page of the book.

40. The computer-implemented method of claim 34 further comprising the step of the peripheral device communicating with a storage means, adapted for storing the electronic file, through a data communication device.

41. The computer-implemented method of claim 40, wherein the data communication device includes a hard wired connection to the peripheral device.

42. The computer-implemented method of claim 40, wherein the data communication device includes a wireless connection, wherein the wireless connection includes at least one of a BluetoothTM, 802.11(g) and 802.11 connection.

43. The computer-implemented method of claim 40, wherein the storage means comprises at least one of a local storage device and a remote storage device.

44. The computer-implemented method of claim 40, wherein the storage means comprises an Internet user interface.